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KENNETH L. CHUTE
VICE PRESIDENT - FINANCE

September 29, 1988

Superfund Records Center
SITE: Coakley
BREAK: 11.9
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Paul Marchessault
Remedial Project Manager
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
PO Box 3409
Reston, VA 22091

Dear Paul,

SUBJECT: Coakley Landfill Site Request for Information
PRP - C. H. Sprague & Son Co.

C. H. Sprague & Son Co. hereby responds to the EPA request for information and documents as set forth in Merrill S. Hohman's August 10, 1988, letter. On September 6, 1988, I requested an extension of time in which to respond (copy attached).

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Identify the person(s) answering these Requests on behalf of the Respondent.

-- Kenneth L. Chute, Vice President - Finance, C. H. Sprague & Son Co., One Parade Mall, Portsmouth, NH 03801, phone 603 431-1000, answers these requests. Mr. Chute's home address is REDACTED - PERSONAL PRIVACY

2. For each and every Request contained herein, identify all persons consulted in the preparation of the answer.

-- Ronald A. Brickett, Controller, C. H. Sprague & Son Co., One Parade Mall, Portsmouth, NH 03801, phone 603 431-1000. Mr. Brickett's home address is REDACTED - PERSONAL PRIVACY

-- James Collins, Portsmouth Terminal Superintendent, C. H. Sprague & Son Co., Gosling Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801, phone 603 436-4120. Mr. Collins' home address is REDACTED - PERSONAL PRIVACY

-- Wesley E. Hollowell, Vice President - Terminal Operations, C. H. Sprague & Son Co., One Parade Mall, Portsmouth, NH 03801, phone 603 431-1000. Mr. Hollowell's home address is REDACTED - PERSONAL PRIVACY

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-- Ted R. Reed, Plant Manager, C. H. Sprague & Son Co., 126 River Road, Newington, NH 03801, phone 603 431-5131. Mr. Reed's home address is REDACTED - PERSONAL PRIVACY

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-- Richard C. McCown, Project Manager - Operations, C. H. Sprague & Son Co., 126 River Road, Newington, NH 03801, phone 603 431-5131. Mr. McCown's home address is REDACTED - PERSONAL PRIVACY

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3. For each and every Request contained herein, identify all documents consulted, examined or referred to in the preparation of the answer and provide true and accurate copies of all such documents.

-- Ronald A. Brickett conducted a review of all extant Sprague documents which might relate to the Coakley Landfill Site. He specifically reviewed sales registers, accounts receivable records and accounts payable vendor files from 1980 until the present. We do not have records prior to 1980 in accordance with a long standing company record retention policy which requires that we keep records for seven years and then destroy them. We did not find any records of C. H. Sprague & Son Co. doing business with the Coakley Site nor any payments to or from the Coakley Landfill, therefore, there are no copies to be provided.

4. If you have a reason to believe that there may be persons able to provide a more detailed or complete response to any Request contained herein or who may be able to provide additional responsive documents, identify such persons and the additional information or documents that they may have.

-- I do not believe that there are persons able to provide a more detailed or more complete response to any request contained herein or who may be able to provide additional responsive documents.

5. Identify all persons, including Respondent's employees, who have knowledge or information about the generation, use, purchase, treatment, storage, disposal or other handling of materials at, or transportation of materials to the Site.

-- Please refer to the answer to Request #2.

6. For each and every Request contained herein, if information responsive to this Information Request is not in your possession, custody or control, then identify the persons from whom such information may be obtained.

-- After our search of the corporate records per Request #3 and in discussions with personnel identified in the answer to Request #2, and as amplified in our response to Request #4, we have no written information nor personal knowledge of any additional information responsive to this Information Request.

7. If you have answered any of these requests in a previous Information Request letter, please specify the date of the letter and the request to which you have responded relevant to Coakley Landfill.

-- We have not previously been requested nor answered any prior Information Requests.

FINANCIAL/CORPORATE INFORMATION

8. Please state the correct legal name of your town, company, agency or business. For town, provide the name and address of the current primary officer or town manager of your town. For companies, provide the name and address of the current president and chairman of the Board of directors of your company. Additionally, please state any other names by which your company has been known.

-- The correct legal name of the company is now Axel Johnson Energy Marketing, Inc. of which Sprague is an unincorporated division operating under the registered trade name of C. H. Sprague & Son Company. Axel Johnson Energy Marketing, Inc. changed its name to the current name on January 1, 1988, from A. Johnson Energy Marketing, Inc. Until April 1984 the company was known as ATC Petroleum, Inc. On December 9, 1983, C. H. Sprague & Son Company, legally a corporation, was merged into ATC Petroleum, Inc. From April 1972 until December 1983 C. H. Sprague & Son Company was a wholly-owned subsidiary of A. Johnson & Co., Inc. now named Axel Johnson Inc. The President of Axel Johnson Energy Marketing, Inc. is Geoffrey T. Magrath, 5 Goodwives River Road, Darien, CT 06820. Chairman of the Board of Directors is Antonia Ax:son Johnson, Stockholm, Sweden. I am not aware of any other names by which Sprague has been known.

9. If the company is or was a subsidiary of another corporation, identify such other corporation and state the dates during which the parent/subsidiary relationship existed and the name and address of that corporation president and chairman of the board and other officers.

-- C. H. Sprague & Son Co. was owned by the Sprague family of Cape Elizabeth, ME, for many years preceding and up to 1969/1970. At that time it was purchased by Robert Monks and Dwight Allison. Around 1970 they sold the company to Asiatic/Caribbean Petroleum Co. The Federal Trade Commission required Asiatic/Caribbean to divest itself of C. H. Sprague & Son Co. which they did in 1972 by selling it to Axel Johnson & Co., Inc. of New York. Around 1983 Sprague became a wholly-owned subsidiary of another Axel Johnson subsidiary, ATC Petroleum, Inc. In 1985 the Sprague legal corporation was dissolved and Sprague became an unincorporated division of ATC Petroleum, Inc. which then had a name change in May 1986 to Axel Johnson Energy Marketing, Inc. The President and Chairman of the Board of Directors are listed in our response to Request #8.

10. Identify the state of incorporation and the agent for service of process for all companies identified in response to Requests 8 and 9 above. For towns, include all notice and/or service of process requirements.

- Axel Johnson Inc. - State of Incorporation, Delaware - Agent, CT Corporation.
- ATC Petroleum, Inc. - State of Incorporation, Delaware - Agent, CT Corporation.
- C. H. Sprague & Son Co. - State of Incorporation, Delaware - Agent, CT Corporation.
- Axel Johnson Energy Marketing, Inc. - State of Incorporation, Delaware - Agent, CT Corporation

11. Please state the nature of Respondent's business and briefly describe its operation.

-- C. H. Sprague & Son Co. markets heavy oil, light oil, coal and bulk handling services at its seven deep water ports located in New England.

12. Identify all liability insurance policies held by Respondent from 1960 to the present. In identifying such policies, state the name and address of each insurer and of the insured, the amount of coverage under each policy, the commencement and expiration dates for each policy, whether or not the policy contains a "pollution exclusion" clause, and whether the policy covers or excludes sudden, non-sudden or both types of accidents.

-- Any liability insurance policies which covered C. H. Sprague & Son Co. from 1960 to the present, if they still exist are held by our parent company Axel Johnson Inc. and we are attempting to locate those policies. We will forward identification of the insurer, insured and amount of coverage, commencement and expiration dates, whether or not the policies contained "pollution exclusion" clause and whether the policy covers or does not cover sudden or non-sudden accidents.

I hope that providing this information would have no impact on the selection and fervor with which PRPs are singled out.

13. Identify Respondent's current assets and liabilities and current net worth.

-- As of August 31, 1988, the following is the net worth of Axel Johnson Energy Marketing, Inc.:

Current Assets	\$33,000,000
Current Liabilities	13,000,000
Net Worth	33,000,000

This financial information should have no impact on the selection and fervor with which PRPs are singled out.

GENERATOR/TRANSPORTER INFORMATION

14. Have you or any person working with you or on your behalf ever accepted materials (hazardous and non-hazardous) for transportation to the Site from any person?

-- To the best of our knowledge, our answer is an unequivocal no.

15. Have you arranged for disposal or treatment, or transportation for disposal or treatment, of hazardous materials to the Site?

-- To the best of our knowledge, our answer is an unequivocal no.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

C. H. SPRAGUE & SON COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K. L. Chute", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kenneth L. Chute
Vice President - Finance

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KENNETH L. CHUTE
VICE PRESIDENT-FINANCE

September 6, 1988

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Boston, MA 02203-2211

Dear Paul,

SUBJECT: Coakley Landfill Site Request for Information

In response to the August 10, 1988 letter from your Waste Management Division Director, Merrill S. Hohman, we have started to research our files and make certain other inquiries in order to provide you with all of the requested information. Given the length of time and the broad range of information requested, we respectfully request an extension until September 30 in order to provide a thorough response.

In view of the relatively short response time of thirty days and the apparent gravity of the Coakley Site, we hope that this request for extension will be granted.

Very truly yours,

C. H. SPRAGUE & SON COMPANY

Kenneth L. Chute
Vice President - Finance

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